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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : There is at present no provision to have the insecticides supplied in all areas and compulsorily collect levy.

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* 477 *Q.*—SRI M. P. SARATHI : கனம் ரெவின்யூ அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதில் ளிப்பாரா—

(அ) திருச்சி மாவட்டம், உடையார்பாளையம் தாலுகா, கோவிலூரில் மருத்துவ நிலையம் கட்ட திட்டமிடப்பட்டுள்ளதா?

(இ) அது எப்போது செயல்படத் துவங்கும்?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (அ) No, Sir.

(இ) Does not arise.

Mazdoors

MR. SPEAKER : As the hon. Member who gave notice of question No. 478 is not in his seat the question and answer will be printed in the proceedings.

* 478 *Q.*—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of persons employed as Mazdoors in the Government Stationery Stores;

(*b*) the basis on which they are paid : and

(*c*) whether they have derived any benefit from the recommendations of the Madras Pay Commission?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (*a*) 123.

(*b*) The Mazdoors in the Government Stationery Stores are borne on the regular establishment. Their scale of pay is Rs. 50–1–60 per mensem with dearness allowance of Rs. 10 and house rent allowance Rs. 10 with effect from 1st June 1960, the date on which the revised scales of pay were given effect to.

(*c*) Yes. The mazdoors derive an increase in emoluments ranging from Rs. 11·50 to Rs. 13 due to the recommendations of the Pay Commission.

MR. SPEAKER : Since the Hon. Minister for Industries has not yet come, we will take up his questions later.

Palmyrah tappers

* 481 *Q.*—SRI T. T. DANIEL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any palmyrah co-operative societies have been formed to solve the problem of the scarcity of fuel for palmyrah tappers;

(*b*) if so, how many; and

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(c) what arrangements the Government have made to supply fuel at concessional price to the palmyrah tappers for manufacturing jaggery?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A sum of Rs. 67,000 was provided in the revised pattern of the Palm Gur Development Scheme during 1958-59 for payment of subsidy towards the cost of fuel at 0.25 nP. for every maund of jaggery delivered to the society by a member for sale. This amount was placed at the disposal of the Madras State Palm Gur Co-operative Federation but was not disbursed as no claims were received.

MR. SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister can answer Question No. 482 also along with 481 as they relate to the same subject.

* 482 Q.—SRI T. T. DANIEL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of palmyrah tappers in the State:

(b) what are the concessions given to the palmyrah tappers; and

(c) whether the Government propose to bring in a legislation to fix a quantity of palmyrah juice, leaves, etc., as the share of the tappers for tapping palmyrah juice from each tree?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) 148,554.

(b) The following concessions have been granted :

(1) Licences free of cost to tap sweet juice for the production of jaggery.

(2) Permits free of cost for the sale of sweet juice in areas where such sales are permitted by Government.

(3) Lease of palmyrah trees standing in Government poramboke lands to the jaggery manufacturing co-operative societies without auction on the average rental of the previous years and also free of Meturpha to the members of the jaggery manufacturing co-operatives.

(4) Subsidies for meeting expenditure for participating in exhibitions.

(5) Loans to societies on the pledge of stocks.

(6) Subsidy or loans towards the purchase of transport vehicles.

(7) Subsidies for tools, equipment and machinery for construction of improved furnaces.

(8) Subsidies to meet establishment charges for the technical staff.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration.